

# An Answer to HYLAN and HEARST—

Hylan holds the Tammany record for MISREPRESENTATION and COWARDICE. He has continually lied about the Mayor and when challenged to make good SLINKS AWAY.

Back of him are the MUD-BATTERIES OF THE DISLOYAL HEARST, of whom the Berlin Vossische Zeitung in December, 1914, said:

"An especially happy achievement of Count von Bernstorff is that he

succeeded during a visit to William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper king, in capturing this sovereign and over 600 American newspapers for the German cause. To capture Hearst is equivalent to a battle won. Since the visit of Count von Bernstorff to Mr. Hearst the whole Hearst press has come out openly for the German cause."

Below in one column are some of the charges made by HEARST AND HYLAN, and beside each is THE TRUTH:

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that Mitchel favored his personal friend Reynolds by purchasing Dreamland from him at an exorbitant price.

## The Facts

The purchase of Dreamland was originally recommended by Dowling and a Tammany Board of Aldermen. \$1,014,000 was the price awarded BY THE COURT. Mayor Mitchel fought this award, because he thought it excessive. Through his efforts the award was reversed. Not one cent has yet been paid to Reynolds for this property.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that Mitchel purchased the Rockaway park from Reynolds at an exorbitant price.

## The Facts

Rockaway Park was put on the public map in 1907 by a TAMMANY BOARD OF ESTIMATE. The proceedings for its acquirement were conducted by Mayor Gaynor's Corporation Counsel. THE COURT FIXED THE PRICE at \$1,250,000 and the Corporation Counsel did not appeal from this award. The property was acquired and paid for during Mayor Gaynor's administration. Hearst considered the purchase of the park a good thing then and claimed THAT HE DID IT.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that Mitchel bought the Marginal Railroad Yard from Reynolds at an exorbitant price.

## The Facts

This land was selected by the Gaynor Administration. THE COURT HAS NOT YET FIXED THE PRICE and Reynolds has not yet received one cent for it.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that Mitchel has wasted \$12,000,000 on a useless court house site.

## The Facts

The Gaynor Administration was compelled by law to select a site in 1912. The Court House Board ordered the old buildings torn down. But before the city could begin to build, War conditions and prices were upon us. It would be bad business and a WASTE OF MONEY to build now.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that the 1917 taxes are high because of the above transactions.

## The Facts

No money has yet been paid for Dreamland and the Marginal Railroad Yard. As to Debt, Mitchel's administration has authorized two-thirds less than either of the preceding administrations. As to Operating Expenses, the budget of 1917 shows an increase over 1913 by \$8,882,540. This excess is more than accounted for in an increase of \$6,514,000 for EDUCATION, and an increase of \$2,670,000 for CHARITIES. Many other departments SAVED money. Yet \$1,200,000 was provided for WIDOWS' PENSIONS, and \$1,147,180 for increasing the wages of 20,500 of the uniformed CITY EMPLOYEES. Which of these increases would Hylan or Hearst cut out?

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that Rockefeller controls the Board of Education and put in the Gary System.

## The Facts

Rockefeller had no more to do with it than Hearst and Hylan. Mitchel is trying out the "work-study-play" system in the schools because he wants to DO AWAY WITH PART-TIME and because he wants every child in the public school to have FREE as good an education as the children of the rich PAY for in private schools.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that Mitchel surrendered Riverside Park to the New York Central and gave away perpetual franchises.

## The Facts

A law was passed in 1911 by a Tammany controlled Legislature compelling the Fusion Administration to bargain with the Railroad. After a tremendous amount of work a bargain for the city was made. It included the ELIMINATION OF DEATH AVENUE—THE ADDITION OF 37 MORE ACRES TO RIVERSIDE PARK—QUIET, CLEAN ELECTRIC OPERATION IN PLACE OF STEAM—A FOUR TRACK \$100,000,000 FREIGHT SYSTEM (paid for by the Railroad) IN PLACE OF THE PRESENT CONGESTED TWO TRACK SYSTEM. As to "perpetual franchise," the N. Y. Central already had it, and the city did not propose an additional franchise. The matter is still unsettled.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that the tax assessments of certain rich men and of large corporations have been reduced because they "control" the Mitchel Administration.

## The Facts

Mr. Lawson Purdy, President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, says: The assessments on the residence of John D. Rockefeller, George W. Perkins and Ralph Pulitzer have been somewhat reduced. BUT THIS IS TRUE OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER RESIDENCES. The reason is that property in these sections has greatly depreciated in value, due to the intrusion of business, apartment houses and hotels.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that the tax assessment of the New York Central Railroad has been reduced because this corporation "controls" Mr. Mitchel.

## The Facts

Mr. Lawson Purdy says: The New York Central Railroad's tax assessment HAS NOT BEEN REDUCED, BUT INCREASED. From 1914 to 1917 the INCREASE was \$30,602,855. Each year the assessment has been HIGHER than the preceding year.

## The Charge

Hearst and Hylan allege that the tax assessments of the five public service corporations have been reduced.

## The Facts

Mr. Lawson Purdy says: The assessments of the five public service corporations named have not been REDUCED, but INCREASED. From 1914 to 1917 the INCREASE was as follows:

Third Avenue Railroad	\$749,800
United Electric Light and Power Co.	5,742,500
Manhattan Railway Company	8,780,100
New York Telephone Co.	13,792,800
Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.	6,556,100

The citizens of New York have known John Purroy Mitchel for ten years. They know he is STRAIGHT. They know he is HONEST.

No one ever questioned this until Hearst and Hylan TRIED TO WIN THE ELECTION by lying and mud-slinging.

Mr. Mitchel has been and is eager to meet Mr. Hylan or Mr. Hearst, or both, on any platform or at any place they may name and answer any question that they may ask.

BUT THEY DO NOT DARE TO MEET HIM.

Hylan reads the SPEECHES THAT HIS BOSSES PREPARE FOR HIM and lacks the courage to face Mitchel on any issue.

Hearst the disloyal DIDN'T EVEN COME TO NEW YORK TO REGISTER. He has been directing his CAMPAIGN OF MUD from far off California.

CITIZENS OF NEW YORK, ARE YOU GOING TO APPROVE SUCH A CAMPAIGN?

Are you going to turn down a man who is STRAIGHT, CAPABLE and PATRIOTIC for a cowardly candidate who is owned and controlled by the MUD-SLINGING HEARST and by BOSS MURPHY, who is reaching for the Board of Estimate?

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS MITCHEL HAS DONE FOR YOU DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS:

He has given you a POLICE FORCE TO BE PROUD OF, CLEAN STREETS, GOOD SCHOOLS, and THE LOWEST DEATH RATE IN ITS HISTORY.

During his administration CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GETTING THEIR RIGHTS, LABOR HAS BEEN FAIRLY TREATED, FIRE LOSS HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED AND EVERY DOLLAR SPENT HAS BEEN HONESTLY ACCOUNTED FOR.

As War Mayor, he has made New York honored for its PATRIOTISM and safe by its PREPAREDNESS.

The city is a BETTER, CLEANER and SAFER PLACE FOR ALL OF US TO LIVE IN because Mitchel has been Mayor.

Will the citizens of New York allow Mitchel to be defeated by a lot of mud-slinging, lying, disloyal men like HYLAN and HEARST and thereby turn the city over to Murphy and his hungry crew?

IT'S UP TO THE VOTERS TO DECIDE!



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Fusion Committee of 1917

## Keep Mitchel on the job!



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